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Making Relationships

Once upon time, there was a guy who was studying in the United States that is far away

from his home country. While being there, and was trying to make friendships with American

guys or girls, he was feeling homesick. He was always facing this obstacle, and once; he decided

to come over this problem whatever happens by some ways to have American friends. As usual,

he went to the school that day attending his English classes, and in the break, he was sitting

outside and smoking, a girl came to him, and asked for a cigarette, he found it a chance to talk

with the girl and make a friendship at least with her. While they talking to each other, he asked

her that he wants to hang out together have lunch or dinner and said that he doesn’t know how

Americans ask for that but she answered him directly; go learn and come again “with a cold

smile”. He was shocked from this experience and made him think seriously to learn English,

know more people, having friends that can help him to eliminate the obstacles from his road

instead of being alone with the homesick. That guy is me when I just came to the United States

in first months, and now, I can talk about relationship comfortably and have confidently and how

to build a friendship with Americans.

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Making friends is not something easy for the international students who came from

overseas countries. They face problems once they come to other countries that people speak

different language, suffering from different accents and whole lifestyle in the new society as

well. Having these obstacles while being in the United States, make them in isolation and want to

be with people who are from their country which affect their studies and do not help what they

came to do. However, some American students are from conservative societies that they have

attitudes toward people who are from certain countries or who believe in some religion. That

mean a new obstacle in front of international students that some students might face people who

are not kind or do not want to deal with them at all because of their ethnic background or so.

In addition, many differences are between the students’ culture and the American culture

that can be a problem faces them to adjust with the new culture easily. So the students can get

use with the society by listening to American music, watching TV shows, learn the lifestyle and

the music tones, it helps to know more about American culture and the way of thinking they use.

International students have the fears that Americans are not really friendly to talk with them in

the street or have conversations in a coffee while they are. Also, feeling silly when the

international student speaks English with native speakers is one of the difficulties that can be

make her/him feel shy and don’t want to start a conversations with Americans, especially when

the student has poor language skills.

Furthermore, making friends have some challenging to international students to join the

new society. Joining the sport teams and learning how to play American football is a good

chance to meet new people to talk with them and building friendships. Also, volunteering to do

jobs has some benefits that international student can be acceptable with the people who are

working with. To start short conversation with people in gym or sport clubs will help to have an

experience with different kinds of people dealing with them and get new friends. However, the

international student must be a trustworthy that Americans can deal with her/him because if they

don’t trust her/him, the student never think of a friendship with someone who is not trusty. As

well, being a good friend will help to keep the friendship longer and longer.